

[View as Website](#)Please add contact@ridgefieldfriends.org to your address book or safe senders list.

You are receiving this email because you are either a member or signed up for our mailing list.



Image credit: Linda Church, 2023, Honorable Mention Landscape Category, Pro Photo Supply Refuge Photo Contest

The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

The latest updates | December 2024

Refuge Open Hours:

7:00 am - 5:00 pm*

*Times change quickly this time of year, check [the website](#) before heading out!

You can enter either RNWR unit by paying an Entrance Fee or using an eligible Entrance Pass.

Youth 15 and under are always free.

RIDGEFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

RIVER 'S' UNIT & CARTY UNIT

1071 S Hillhurst AVE
Auto Tour Route
Kiwa Trail28900 NW Main AVE
Admin Office
Walking Trails
Cathlapotle Plankhouse

Please note: Bicycles, off-road vehicles, & ATV driving are not permitted on the Refuge.

Entrance Fee:

- Online: **NEW!** Easily pay your entrance fee (or purchase an entrance pass) *before* you visit, by using [recreation.gov](#).
- In-Person: \$3.00 daily per vehicle, or up to four adults on foot. Cash or check only (or scan a QR code to [recreation.gov](#) on-site, for now).

Entrance Pass Options:

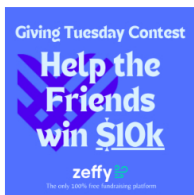
- Online: New! Easily buy an Annual Pass *before* you visit, using [recreation.gov](#).
- In-person (or by mail): Purchase An Annual Refuge Pass or eligible Federal Lands Pass.
 - \$15.00 for an Annual Ridgefield NWR pass. Purchase at Ridgefield NWR Admin Office, M-F, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; by mail; or place cash/check in an official fee envelope. Complete details [HERE](#).
- Become a Friends Member at \$60 or above.
 - [Join here!](#) Opt-in when joining, and an Annual Refuge Pass will be mailed to you.
- Use your current Federal Lands Pass. Check [HERE](#) to see the list of eligible passes. Note: State Passes are *not valid for entry to the Refuge.

The Ridgefield NWR Admin Office is open weekdays, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Office phone number: 360-887-4106.

-To verify staff availability, please call the office before you visit the Refuge.

-For general inquiries, please call the office between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.



Help the Friends win \$10,000 for Giving Tuesday!

With your help, the Friends could win a \$10,000 donation from Zeffy, the 100% free fundraising software we use for our memberships and donations!

The more supporters join the challenge by 8:59 PM on December 3, the more chances the Friends have to win! Start now and take 3 minutes to cast your free entry!

👉 Help us win the \$10,000! <https://bit.ly/zeffy-giving-tuesday>
Just enter your name, email, and "Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge." (no spam, we promise!) Then, do a few more actions like watching a video to cast extra votes!

Winning \$10,000 will allow us to do many things, like fund volunteer programs, outfit the new Community Nature Center, spread the word about our connections with nature, at the Refuge and beyond, and improve our refuge for wildlife and people.

Thank you so much for your continuous support!

From the Friends

Let Ridgefield's beauty inspire you all year!

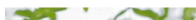
FRIENDS OF RIDGEFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 

Grab your amazing 2025 Calendar now for just \$18! These gorgeous calendars feature the breathtaking Pro Photo Supply Ridgefield NWR 2024 Photo Contest winners.

By purchasing one, you contribute to the preservation of these vital habitats. So, why hesitate? Purchase your calendar today and let the beauty of Ridgefield inspire you throughout the entire year!

[Start Shopping, HERE](#)

Looking for that perfect gift? We also have photo contest mugs, tote bags, and t-shirts, and on another website, jigsaw puzzles!

[Main Webstore](#)[Puzzle Shopping](#)

Are you ready to dive into an adventure at the



Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge? Imagine being part of a team that not only loves wildlife but also makes a real splash in the community! We're on the hunt for enthusiastic folks to join our Board of Directors, and we want YOU!

In this exciting role, you'll be at the forefront of our fundraising efforts, ensuring everything runs as smoothly as a river flowing through a lush habitat. Plus, you'll get to represent a vibrant community that shares a special bond

with our beloved refuge. Your passion and skills can truly make waves in protecting this stunning habitat for generations to come.

Does this sound like your kind of adventure? Or do you know someone who would shine like a star in this role? Let's connect and chat! Drop us an email, and together, we can explore how you can help preserve this natural gem!

[Contact Us to Get Started](#)

Two young Great Horned Owls, credit: Gary Davenport, 2014 Refuge Photo Contest Honorable Mention (pre-Great Horned Owl Contest Policies)

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Complex News

Juliette Fernandez has been appointed as the new National Wildlife Refuge Assistant Regional Director for the Pacific Region. She will be leaving the position of Refuge Complex Manager for Ridgefield NWR, furthering her commitment to environmental justice and equitable resource access, shaped by her upbringing along the Arizona-Mexico border. She has overseen refuges and directed initiatives that promote community engagement with green spaces throughout her career.



She is excited to connect with new groups and learn from their unique experiences. She values fostering relationships and embracing diverse cultures to advance the USFWS mission.

The best way to re-introduce Juliette may be through her own words: "[Rooted in Community; Growing into Leadership.](#)"

Please extend both a warm 'Welcome' and a heartfelt 'Goodbye' to Juliette, while looking forward to the positive changes she will introduce to the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Juliette Fernandez under an oak tree, credit: USFWS Juliette Fernandez

From the Contact Station Fall's Abundance

About those Swans: As the water has risen in the refuge, the swans have appeared. Now that the swans are here, what do we have. Well, if you have been listening while out on the refuge, you can hear the double toot trumpeting of the Trumpeter Swans. It reminds me of a deeper version of my old Schwinn bicycle horn. It is always a great way to identify them compared to the Tundra Swans. The Tundra Swan call is higher pitched, softer, and seems chattier to me. Many visitors assume the swans are all Tundras, but the proportion of Trumpeters in the flocks was increasing the last couple of years so it will be interesting to see if that trend continues...[Keep Reading...](#)



-Susan Setterberg, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Contact Station Volunteer
Tundra Swan by Margaret Waddell

Birding Enthusiasts



Check out what species are being seen on the Refuge [here](#).



Ridgefield First Saturdays Hometown Celebration December 7, 2024

Celebrate the Holiday season in the Ridgefield tradition with Hometown Celebration on Saturday, December 7! Enjoy the hometown holiday spirit of historic Downtown Ridgefield where you will find twinkling lights, decorated businesses, gifts, food, and holiday specials.

[Find the Schedule HERE!](#)

Stay Involved:

Benefits of Friends Membership



Join the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge in their mission to promote the enjoyment, understanding, and protection of native and endangered birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. We focus on our local community and the Pacific Northwest.

And now, we've teamed up with Zeffy to dodge those pesky platform fees, making sure every bit of your generosity goes straight to the Refuge. Sign up today, and get a new digital membership card to use around town for discounts, special offers, and more!

[Learn More & Join the Friends Today!](#)

Support While You Shop



[Friends Amazon Wishlist](#)- You can directly support our work and the Refuge's initiatives! Whether it's habitat restoration or



BirdFest & Bluegrass, we'll feature items essential to our many efforts toward achieving conservation and community outreach goals. Purchase from our list, and Amazon takes care of the rest! Get started, [HERE](#).



When you link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Friends, you help us earn donations from Fred Meyer Community Rewards. It's easy to sign up. [Just click here](#). Or search, Friends of Ridgefield NWR #PK822

Friends Board Meetings

Join the Friends of Ridgefield NWR Board for their monthly meeting. Meetings start at 5:00 PM every second Monday of the month and will be virtual, or in-person with a virtual option. [Contact us](#) to join in!

Board Meeting Dates:
November 11
December 9



Become a Business Alliance Member

As a member of the Friends of the RNWR Business Alliance, you invest in one of our urban metropolitan area's most unique and diverse natural and cultural resources. [Find out more](#)

Sponsors:

Business Alliance Members: In-Kind Support:



BirdFest & Bluegrass:



Granting Organizations & Partners:



FRIENDS OF RIDGEFIELD
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



[Contact Us](#) | [Website](#)

Want regular updates on Refuge events & happenings? Follow the Friends on social media by clicking the logos below to stay connected even when you are off the Refuge.



Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge | PO BOX 1022 | Ridgefield, WA 98642 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!